

## **The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program at Portland State University is accepting applications for the 2008-09 program year.**

The Ronald E. McNair Program works with motivated and talented undergraduates who want to pursue PhDs. Through academic seminars and a summer research internship, the program introduces PSU juniors and seniors, who are first-generation and low-income, and/or members of under-represented groups, to academic research and to effective strategies for getting into and graduating from PhD programs.

**Applications are due on June 13, 2008 for the cohort starting Winter term 2009.** During Winter and Spring, awardees will be enrolled in a McNair Program Seminar designed to prepare scholars for academic research and graduate and doctoral studies. During summer term 2009, scholars will work closely with faculty mentors who will supervise their research projects and papers.

Additional program benefits may include:

- A \$2800 summer research internship stipend to complete an original research project
- Opportunities to participate in academic research conferences and other scholarly activities
- Participation in an active PSU McNair Scholar community

For more information, **attend a drop-in session in SMSU M302 on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays from 11 am - 12 pm.** Or, attend the **McNair Program Information Session during the Undergraduate and Ronald E. McNair Research Conference on Thursday, May 29 in SMSU 294.** For additional information contact the Ronald E. McNair office at 503-725-9740, or via email at [remcnair@pdx.edu](mailto:remcnair@pdx.edu).

**In order to be eligible for the Ronald E. McNair Program you must:**

Be a **first-generation college student** (neither parent graduated from a 4-year college before you turned 18-years-old)

**AND**

**Low-income** (family income does not exceed 150% of poverty level established by U.S. Census Bureau)

OR,

If you are not first-generation and low-income, you must be a **member of a group traditionally under-represented in Higher Education** (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander)

**Additional qualifications include the following:**

- Full-time undergraduate student status at Portland State University
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Junior or Senior undergraduate status, based on total credit hours at the end of current academic year-
- U.S. citizenship or permanent U.S. residency
- Intention to graduate from Portland State University and immediately enter an academic graduate program with the goal of attaining a PhD

**Additional information and program applications are available online at [www.mcnair-program.pdx.edu](http://www.mcnair-program.pdx.edu)**

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